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SUBJECT: GERMAN REQUEST FOR BUNDESGRENZSCHUTZ (BGS) EXPERTS FOR BERLI  
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REF: BONN 4290

1. SUMMARY: ALL BERLIN AGENCIES ARE AGREED THAT  
RADIO-MONITORING PROJECT CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY  
ANY AGENCY PRESENTLY IN BERLIN. POLICE REGARD PROPOSED  
PROJECT AS ONE OF FEW GOOD POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE FOR  
LOCATING LORENZ KIDNAPPERS, HAVING INTERCEPTED  
SUSPICIOUS AMATEUR BAND TRANSMISSIONS  
WHICH THEY ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE OR FOLLOW UP.  
CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALLIED EXPERTS AND BETWEEN  
THEM AND GERMAN AUTHORITIES INDICATE THAT, WHILE  
SOME ALLIED TECHNICAL CAPABILITY MAY EXIST IN FRG,  
THERE IS LANGUAGE GAP AS WELL AS LACK OF FAMILIARITY  
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WITH BAADER-MEINHOF OPERATIONS. MISSION ACCORDINGLY

RECOMMENDS ALLIES ISSUE CLASSIFIED BK/L AUTHORIZING  
SECONDMENT GRENZSCHUTZPOLIZEI TO BERLIN POLICE AS  
ONE-TIME EXCEPTION, SUBJECT TO ALLIED CONTROL.  
END SUMMARY:

2. AT MEETING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER AND BERLIN  
BRIGADE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER MARCH 26,  
BERLIN POLICE EXPERT SAID THAT GDS TECHNICIANS WERE  
ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND  
LOCATE RADIO TRANSMISSIONS BELIEVED FROM LORENZ  
KIDNAPPERS. EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED BY BGS  
PERSONNEL IS IN PLACE AND FUNCTIONING BUT POLICE SAY  
THEY HAVE NO ONE QUALIFIED TO IDENTIFY AND INTERPRET  
TRANSMISSIONS BY KIDNAPPERS ON HEAVILY USED AMATEUR  
BAND. EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY OPERATED BY AD HOC  
COLLECTION OF POLICE OFFICIALS WHO ARE ALSO AMATEUR  
RADIO OPERATORS. THEY HAVE BEEN TAPING SUSPICIOUS  
TRANSMISSIONS AND SENDING TAPES TO FRG FOR EVALUATION,  
BUT TIME DELAY SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCES USEFULNESS OF  
EFFORT. KEY FACTORS IN POLICE VIEW ARE DIRECTION-FINDING (D/F)  
COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE IN MONITORING FREQUENCIES  
USED BY ANARCHISTS, WHO SOMETIMES TRANSMIT IN CLEAR  
USING AGREED CODE WORDS AND PHRASES, SOMETIMES IN  
CODE, AND SOMETIMES ONLY BY CLICKS PRODUCED IN TURNING  
TRANSMITTER ON AND OFF. POLICE SAY ONLY QUALIFIED  
PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEDURES ARE  
BGS, WHO HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN FRG. POLICE  
SAID ALMOST SIXTH SENSE REQUIRED AND EVEN BGS TEAM  
WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT ONE WEEK TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES  
WITH AMATEUR BAND TRAFFIC IN ORDER TO KNOW DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN NORMAL LEGITIMATE TRANSMISSIONS AND OTHERS.

3. GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS FOR  
BGS PERSONNEL TO RETURN BECAUSE JUST BEFORE THEIR  
DEPARTURE FROM BERLIN, TEAM INTERCEPTED MESSAGE  
BELIEVED SENT FROM VEHICLE BY ASSOCIATE OF KIDNAPPERS  
USING PORTABLE EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED PARA 4. IF TRUE,  
RADIO WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE.  
POLICE WANT TO USE BGS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THREE  
EXISTING LISTENING POSTS TO IDENTIFY SUSPICIOUS  
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TRANSMISSIONS AND GENERAL LOCATION, THEN CALL IN  
MOBILE BUNDESPOST UNITS TO PINPOINT LOCATION. IN COURSE OF  
CONSULTATIONS HOWEVER, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT  
BGS PERSONNEL WOULD BE MORE ACTIVELY ENGAGED AND  
PERHAPS IN LARGER NUMBERS FOR LONGER TIME THAT WAS  
APPARENT FROM FONMINISTRY INFO (REFTEL). BERLINERS  
INTEND BGS PEOPLE TO OPERATE MONITORING EQUIPMENT  
THEMSELVES AND SAY THERE WOULD BE NO TIME TO TRAIN

BERLIN PERSONNEL, WHO WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL THEY HAD ACQUIRED SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE. FULL STAFFING OF THREE STATIONS WOULD REQUIRE MINIMUM OF THREE THREE-MAN TEAMS IN SHIFTS FOR EACH STATION, TOTALING 27 MEN. (SENAT OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THEY WOULD TRY INITIALLY TO GET BY WITH ONE BGS EXPERT AND TWO BERLIN POLICEMEN PER TEAM.)

4. MONITORING PROJECT DERIVED FROM HISTORY OF ANARCHISTS, WHO HAVE USED RADIOS BOTH IN OPERATIONS SUCH AS LORENZ KIDNAPPING AND IN THEIR CONVERT DAILY LIVES. IN PARTIAL RESPONSE TO EMB'S REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL INFO, EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED BELOW WAS FOUND IN TRUCK USED TO BLOCK LORENZ VEHICLE AND LEFT BEHIND BY KIDNAPPERS (POLICE INFORMED MISSION THEY BELIEVE EQUIPMEZAM ANARCHISTS NOW USING IS SIMILAR):

VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENT KENWOOD MODEL TR-2200  
2M FM TRANSCEIVER NO. 630126 JAPAN CHASSIS  
NR. 63080157 CONSISTING OF:  
1 KENWOOD TR-2200 (APPROX 130X60X180MM)

1 HAND MICROPHONE

1 EARPHONE WITH NR. 2152024, EQUIPPED  
8 BATTERIES AT 1.5V, SWITCHED TO CHANNEL 6

THE EQUIPMENT HAS 6 SWITCHABLE CHANNELS, 4 OF WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH CRYSTALS:

TRANSMITTER CRYSTAL	RECEIVER CRYSTAL
CHANNEL 1	144.15 MHZ 145.75 MHZ-BERLIN- RELAY (FUNKTURM)

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CHANNEL 2	144.20 MHZ 145.80 MHZ (OLD BERLIN RELAY)
CHANNEL 3	144.25 MHZ 145.85 MHZ
CHANNEL 4	-- --
CHANNEL 5	-- --
CHANNEL 6	144.72 MHZ 144.72 MHZ

THE EQUIPMENT FOUND WAS OPERATED ON CHANNEL 6 IN HALF-DUPLEX OPERATION(144.72MHZ).

5. GERMAN POLICE CHIEF INDICATED OPERATION WOULD CONTINUE AS LONG AS NEEDED TO LOCATE KIDNAPPERS. ASKED ABOUT ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR TEN MEN FOR THREE WEEKS, POLICE SAID REQUEST WAS PROBABLY LIMITED TO MAXIMUM BELIEVED ATTAINABLE BUT NO ONE COULD

SAY PROJECT WOULD SUCCEED WITHIN THREE WEEKS AND  
GERMANS MIGHT WELL HAVE TO REQUEST EXTENSION.

6. AFTER SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH GERMAN, FRENCH AND  
BRITISH TECHNICIANS, US ARMY RADIO EXPERTS HAVE  
INFORMED US NO AGENCY PRESENTLY IN BERLIN HAS  
CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE DESIRED SERVICES. US HAS  
MONITORING EQUIPMENT (ASSIGNED TO OTHER HIGH-PRIORITY  
TASKS) BUT NO D/F CAPABILITY OR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.  
BRITISH AND FRENCH HAVE LESSER CAPABILITIES. CHIEF  
OF ARMY COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS DIVISION AND  
HIS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, WHO HAS D/F  
EXPERIENCE, SAID PROPOSED PROJECT REQUIRED SUCH  
HIGH DEGREE OF SKILL AND EXPERIENCE THAT THEY WOULD  
NEED FOUR MONTHS TO TRAIN THEIR BEST TECHNICIANS WHO  
WERE ALREADY QUALIFIED RADIO OPERATORS. THEY ALSO  
SAID PROJECT REQUIRED NATIVE GERMAN SPEAKER FAMILIAR  
WITH HAM RADIO JARGON AND ANARCHIST MODUX OPERANDI.  
IN THEIR VIEW, POLICE WOULD NEED MINIMUM 25  
TECHNICIANS TO SERVICE THREE STATIONS FOR MINIMUM  
6-8 WEEKS. SENAT INTENTION OF MIXING BGS AND  
BERLIN POLICE WOULD IMPAIR EFFICIENCY OF TEAMS,  
ALTHOUGH IF BGS OPERATION LASTED LONG ENOUGH (E.G. FOUR  
MONTHS) IT WOULD LEAVE RESIDUE OF MORE-OR-LESS  
QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN BERLIN POLICE.

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7. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE INFO, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT  
ALLIES ISSUE CLASSIFIED BK/L AUTHORIZING SECONDMENT  
OF BGS PERSONNEL TO BERLIN POLICE AS ONE-TIME,  
EXCEPTIONAL ACTION, SUBJECT TO ALLIED CONTROL.

8. USCOB CONCURS.  
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